

**Supporting Statement**  
**Application for Certificate of Citizenship**  
**(Consolidated Form N-600)**  
**OMB No. 1615 - 0057**

**A. Justification:**

1. Title I of the Child Citizenship Act of 2000 (CCA), Pub. L. 106-395, amends Sections 320 and 322 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), governing acquisition of citizenship by foreign-born children. In addition, any individual who derived or acquired citizenship at birth under Section 301 of the Act or acquired citizenship through the naturalization or citizenship of a parent(s) or spouse can apply for a certificate of citizenship under Section 341 of the Act. Under Section 341 of the Act, United States citizens seeking citizenship on behalf of their adopted or biological children may file Form N-600, Application for Certificate of Citizenship. The information collected on the Form N-600 is necessary for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to make a determination that the citizenship eligibility requirements and conditions are met by the applicant. Upon approval of the application the child is declared to be a citizen of the United States and a certificate of citizenship is issued by the USCIS.

2. In light of the new automatic provisions of the CCA, and for public convenience, USCIS has revised this form by consolidating the Form N-643, Application for Certificate of Citizenship on Behalf of an Adopted Child and Form N-600/N-643, Application for Transmission of Citizenship through a Grandparent, Supplement A into the Form N-600. The information requested on these three forms is largely duplicative and by consolidating the information on one form, the United States citizen parent(s) will be able to request a certificate of citizenship on behalf of their minor child without having to complete multiple forms.

The data collected on this form is used by the USCIS to determine eligibility for the requested immigration benefit. The form serves the purpose of standardizing requests for the benefit, and will ensure that basic information required to assess eligibility is provided by applicants.

3. The use of this form provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. In this case the USCIS does not employ the use of information technology in collecting and processing information. The USCIS will conduct a study that will include a plan to determine the feasibility of electronic filing.
4. A review of the Forms Inventory Report revealed no duplication of effort, and there is no other similar information currently available which can be used for this purpose.
5. This collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.

6. Sections 322 and 341 of the Act provide for the issuance of a Certificate of Citizenship to persons who claim to have derived United States citizenship through the naturalization of a parent, the naturalization or citizenship of a spouse, or under certain provisions of the law. Form N-600 provides a crucial means of establishing the authenticity of such claims and the absence of this form would impede the processing of such claims for citizenship. The information collected on the N-600 is essential to documenting whether the applicant has met all of the eligibility requirements to receive a certificate of citizenship recognizing their citizenship status. The information is also collected to ensure a complete and accurate adjudication.
7. The special circumstances contained in item 7 of the supporting statement are not applicable to this information collection.
8. The USCIS published a notice on May 16, 2005 at 70 FR 25843. The notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period on the proposed form. No comments were received.
9. The USCIS does not provide payment or gifts to respondents in exchange for a benefit sought.
10. There is no assurance of confidentiality.
11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Annual Reporting Burden:

a.	Number of Respondents	88,500
b.	Number of Responses per each Respondent	1
c.	Total Annual Responses	88,500
d.	Hours per Response	1.35
e.	Total Annual Reporting Burden	119,475
f.	Total Public Cost	\$ 21,994,750

The projected hours per response for this collection of information were estimated based on prior Service experience with this program and were derived by first breaking the process into three basic components:

Learning about the Law and the Form:	15 Minutes
Completion of the Form:	20 Minutes
Assembling and Filing the Form:	60 Minutes
Total Hours per Response	1 hour 35 Minutes

**Annual Reporting Burden**

**Total annual reporting burden hours is 119,475.** This figure was derived by multiplying the number of respondents (88,500) x frequency of response (1) x (1.35) hours per response.

### **Public Cost**

**The estimated annual public cost is \$ 21,994,750.** This estimate is based on the number of respondents 88,500 x 1 hour per response x \$10 (average hourly rate) plus the number of (N-600) respondents 77,500 x fee charge of \$240 and the number of (N-643) respondents 11,000 x fee charge of \$200.

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection. Any cost burdens to respondents as a result of this collection are identified in question 14.

There are fees associated with the collection of this information. The fee for the N-600 is \$240. The fee for United States citizen parents filing on behalf of an adopted minor child under Section 320 of the Act, using the Form N-600 is \$200 (which is the same fee that would have been paid had a Form N-643 been filed).

14. Annualized Cost Analysis:

a.	Printing Cost	\$ 119,475
b.	Collecting and Processing	\$ 20,680,525
c.	Total Cost to Program	\$ 20,800,000
d.	Fee Charge	\$ 20,800,000
e.	Total Annual Cost to Government	\$ 0

### **Government Cost**

The estimated cost of the program to the Government is calculated by using the estimated number of respondents (77,500) multiplied by the suggested \$255 fee

charge and the number of (*N-643*) respondents (11,000) multiplied by the suggested \$255 fee charge. The fee charges include the suggested average hourly rate for clerical, officer, and managerial time with benefits, plus a percent for the estimated overhead cost for printing, stocking, distributing and processing of this form).

15. There has been an increase to the total estimated burden hours and costs previously reported due to an increase in the number of respondents. This form now combines data elements from the N-643 form. Thus, we anticipate that the number of respondents and costs will increase.
16. The USCIS does not intend to employ the use of statistics or the publication thereof for this collection of information.
17. The USCIS is not seeking a waiver to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.
18. The USCIS does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection. See attached Item 19 of Form OMB 83-I.

**B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods.**

Not Applicable.

**C. Certification and Signature.**

## **PAPERWORK CERTIFICATION**

In submitting this request for OMB approval, I certify that the requirements of the Privacy Act and OMB directives have been complied with including paperwork regulations, statistical standards or directives, and any other information policy directives promulgated under 5 CFR 1320.

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